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SATURDAY, MAY 26 - Regional meeting of the Western States Token Society, at the home of Dennis Scott, 10505 E. Bullard, Clovis, California. The meeting will begin at 10:30 for those wishing to arrive early, and will continue on until late in the afternoon.

Clovis is located in the Fresno area. Those approaching on Rt. 99 from the north should exit at Herndon Avenue, and head east on Herndon. Check the odometer at the interesection of Blackstone, and continue east for exactly 10 miles to McCall. Turn right (south) on McCall for one mile to Bullard, turn left (east) and travel 6/10 mile to Dennis'. The house has a circular dirt driveway lined with yound nut trees.

Coming from the south on Rt. 99, exit in Selma and travel north on McCall approximately 17 miles to Bullard. Turn right (east) on Bullard, then 6/10 miles to the Scott home.

If you are in the vicinity and having trouble, you can reach Dennis at 298-8811.

This should prove a popular meeting as there are indications that there will be collectors coming from the southerly directions, as well as the usual contingent from Northern California. All kinds of exonumia and post cards will provide attractions.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 - Nevada regional meeting of the Western States Token Society. Once again we will gather in the Convention Center of the El Capitan Casino in Hawthorne, Nevada. The room will be available from 9 AM on, but many collectors will arrive the day before. For motel reservations, contact the El Capitan Motor Lodge, telephone 702-945-3321, and mention WESTS when you make your reservation and when you arrive. This is a popular weekend spot, so it will pay to make early reservations if you want a room.

Hawthore is located somewhat centrally for collectors coming from various parts of Nevada and California. Last year we saw collectors who attend no other meetings, and the attendance was good. Tokens, medals, postcards, and a variety of exonumia will command attention. The gasoline situation in Nevada, outside the major urban areas, has not been all that bad, and hopefully it will not be any worse by the time of the meeting. The

Saturday time will allow travel on Sunday for the return home.

SUNDAY, JULY 15 - Combination meeting of Western States Token Society and Bay Area Token Society at the home of Shannon and Duane Feisel, Los Altos, California. Details to be provided in next issue.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27. Tentative. Regional meeting of Western States Token Society at the California State Numismatic Association convention at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel, Santa Ana Freeway at Ball Road. The arrangements for this meeting are being made by Bob Marvin who will be contacting other collectors for an indication of interest and possible help.

A big attraction for attending this convention is the fact that Joel E. Malter & Co., Inc., will feature a large selection of California trade checks, tokens and medals during their auction. Details of this auction are not yet known. More on this possible meeting at a later time.

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MAY 11: - Last night I received a call from Bill Wright who was in Hawthorne, and we made final arrangements for the regional meeting in Nevada. Publication of this issue was being held up for that meeting information since there will not be another LEDGER before then. If you have any articles, information or ads for the next issue, please note the publication deadline of June 15.

Yesterday I received in the mail the second volume of the Curto book on U.S. military tokens and related material, published by Paul Cunningham. In the next issue we shall have a review of this book, but in the meantime don't wait to order. - DHF

28 APRIL 1979: - At this date, we have some hopes of catching up with out supposed and rarely met schedule. Nonetheless, we are getting the issues out, so bear with us. And we are desperately in need of more material for the next issues of the Ledger, so crank up your pens and writing hands, and get busy.

In particular, we need stories about older tokens that delve into their issuer's history. I'm sure most of you have a token or two with an interesting background story. Probably even something you can write up without further research.

The day after tomorrow, I'm off to Europe again, largely a business trip, though I always try to intersperse a little pleasure amidst the rest. I expect to be in England, Belgium, Holland, and Germany; in particularly, I shall be attending the large coin show at Munich on the 5th & 6th of May. I'll try to report in the next Ledger on token/medal activity there. -SA

= SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT =
by William A. Williges

BALANCE FORWARD (see Vol. 9 #1)		$984.04
INCOME		
New Members for 1979, 6 @$7.50	$45.00	
Renewals for 1979, 8 @7.50	60.00	
Renewal, 1 @5.00	5.00	
Sale of ads and back issues Ledger	30.50	
Total Income		140.50
		$1124.54
EXPENSES		
Ledger - Vol. 9 #1	$ 91.88	
Postage (Duane Feisel)	4.84	
Membership tokens--1979 & 1980	91.14	
Advance toward Ledger - Vol. 9 #2	120.00	
Total Expenses		310.86
BALANCE ON HAND 5-4-79		$813.68

NEW MEMBERS

#249 VIRGIL D. WIGGINS, 3038 Naranja Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Collects: Civil War tokens; Alaska tokens and exonumia; California exonumia

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#251 PATRICK D. HOGAN, 614 So. Johnson St., Iowa City, IA 52240. Tel. 319-338-8722. Collects: coins of shahs of Iran 1500-1979; oriental exonumia; exonumia with oriental legends or related; Peter Schuttler Pioneer Wagon Works store cards; Iowa, Johnson County exonumia

#252 VINCENT BERETTA, 6206 Freedom Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Tel. 916-334-6565. Collects: Olympic medals and tokens; Sacramento trade tokens and medals; pool hall tokens

#253 MR. VICTOR, P.O. Box 753, Doylestown, PA 18901. Collects: gambling tokens; transportation tokens; parking tokens; trade tokens

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MATTER: - Should WESTS take a moral stand on issues not directly involving exonumia? This subject was discussed at length by members attending the recent membership meeting in San Francisco. There was no consensus of opinion, and Steve Album suggested that we submit the following question to the membership in

the next issue of the LEDGER; it was so moved by Jerry Schimmel, seconded by Scott Jameson, and passed with opposition:

"A member of WESTS has been indicted by a federal grand jury on felony charges. Some members have asked that this individual's membership be suspended until his case is decided. As there is no precedent in WESTS for such matters, members are requested to offer suggestions for handling matters of this nature. Such suggestions should be addressed to the president, Duane H. Feisel. These suggestions will be considered at the next regular meeting of WESTS (November 1979), and motions for further action will be entertained at that time."

INDIANA TOKEN CATALOGUE: - Word has been received from Lloyd Wagaman that the manuscript of his catalogue of Indiana merchant tokens has been completed and has been submitted to the Token and Medal Society for their consideration for publishing. - DHF

= NON-NEVADA GAMBLING CHIPS =
by Ron Holliday

My interest in gambling tokens wandered a few thousand miles from Nevada recently. My unusual find consists of eight tokens similar to the metal tokens commonly used in Nevada a decade ago. These are not new ones from Atlantic City, but seldom heard of (at least in the western US) gambling meccas. All eight were made by the Franklin Mint. Seven of them were made in 1966 of Franklinium and they measure 31 mm diameter; the eighth is 1967, brass and 40 mm. While many members of the society may be familiar with these places, and tokens, I certainly was not. Let me describe each one briefly:

1. St. Maarten / Little Bay Beach Hotel / Netherlands Antilles
2. Hotel Curacau / Inter-Continental / Netherlands Antilles
3. Hotel And Casino / Aruba / Caribbean
4. San Jeronimo Hilton / San Juan, Puerto Rico
5. Hotel Quito / Quito, Ecuador
6. Hotel El Embajador / Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
7. Surinam Torarica Hotel-Casino / Paramaribo, Suriname South America
8. George Raft's Colony Club / London

A person would really have to do some traveling if they wanted to cash in on these eight tokens. As for me, I'm off for more familiar places, somewhere between Laughlin and Jackpot, Nevada!

SAN FRANCISCO MEETING: - Held in conjunction with the convention of the California State Numismatic Association, the spring semi-annual membership meeting of WESTS attracted a nice crowd. For the first time, we had a speaker as part of our program, and this seemed to go over very well.

Steve Album talked to us about tokens and medals from California which related to the American Revolution Bicentenial. He categorized the issues into several groups which related to the type of issuing authority, provided insight into what constituted a typical issue, and then spoke about some of the unusual occurrances for the issuance of some pieces. One thing he emphasized was that those issues from local organizations, such as social clubs, are the most difficult to obtain, and that that is where most of the yet unreported pieces will be generated. As an example, he mentioned finding that day a previously unknown medal issued by a square dance club in Anaheim. Bob Marvin, who is from Anaheim and who was at the meeting, had never heard of the club let alone the medal it issued!

Frank Earl has already agreed to be the speaker at the fall WESTS general membership meeting in Stockton. Tentatively, his subject will be related to encased coins.

Most of the business portion of the meeting centered on a discussion of an ethical and moral issue which is reported in the Secretary-Treasurer's section. Please take the time to read that material, and to respond to it. We are an informal association of collectors, and want to keep it that way, but we still need to operate under some sort of guideline.

As usual, many tokens traded hands during the portion of the meeting when that is the main activity. Also, there were a few better tokens located on the bourse floor.

Attending the meeting were non-member guests Anna M. Panosh of San Diego, John Flis of San Carlos, Jerry Jordan of San Francisco, and Victor Titoff of San Francisco who joined with WESTS members Dan Jacobson, Frank Earl, Jerry Schimmel, Bob Marvin, Scott Jameson, Vincent Beretta (new member), O.L. Wallis, Charles Kappen, Bud Carmichael, Stephen Album, Brian Kestner, Bill Williges and Duane Feisel. - DHF

FORKS OF THE SALMON, CAL.
by Edward Saunders

While I have traveled all over Siskiyou County, there are yet a few places I still have to visit. Forks of the Salmon is one of those places. I have read about the place, have seen a few pictures of the area, but as of this date I have not been there.

Forks of the Salmon is in a somewhat remote area, and probably 100 miles or more from the part of the county I visit most often. Usually I spend a few days at my mother's place in Dunsmuir. From there I could get to Forks of the Salmon by going to Yreka, and then across the mountains toward the Scott valley, passing through Fort Jones, Callahan and a few small, but interesting, places. Just out of Callahan is an old dredge once used to clear the Scott River of its remaining gold. I have seen people still panning gold in the stream near Callahan; that is probably the Salmon River, but it could be the Shasta. Anyhow, it is almost 50 miles to Yreka, another 30 to 40 miles to Callahan, and Forks of the Salmon must be at least another 50 miles.

Another way to reach Forks of the Salmon is by going 50 miles south of Dunsmuir to Redding, head west toward Weaverville, and then after about 50 miles before reaching Weaverville, turn northeast. Go towards Trinity Center and Cecilville and on into the Trinity Mountains until you get to the small, little known, place called Forks of the Salmon.

The trip is a long one no matter which route is followed. Lack of time is usually the reason I have not made the trip before this. The round trip would be about 300 miles with little to do in between. The mountain roads are winding, steep and very slow to travel, resulting in more than a one day trip.

About six months ago I acquired a Forks of the Salmon token from Duane Feisel on a trade, but I had picked up a lot of information about this place before that.

I was trying to chase out a few tokens in the Yreka area one day, and a lead took me to Montague, and resulted in the story I have to pass along to you now.

The story was told to me by an elderly man who had known the Bennett family to some extent.

The Bennett family came to Forks of the Salmon in the early part of the 1870's. The town contained a general store, saloon, hotel and packing company.

Everything brought into the area had to be packed in by mules. It was a big business ever since the big gold discovery at Thompson's Dry Diggin's, later known as Yreka Flat and today a little ways from the original site of the town of Yreka. The Forks of the Salmon Hotel was quite well known, and much can be learned about the place today. The Historical Society in Yreka has pictures and other mementoes of the area.

The store, saloon, packing company and hotel all went under the trade name The Bennett Company, and operated in the area for over 80 years. The hotel (I believe it burned down, but cannot be sure) was a separate building from the store. According to the man who gave me the information, the original store is still there and is being run by George, one of the sons of W.P. Bennett, the man whose name appears on the token known from this place.

I could have talked longer with this man as he knew so much that will one day be gone. I would have liked to stay longer, but time would not permit. I did find some other interesting information about the man who had run the store in the town of Forks of Salmon.

He had a squaw for a wife, and she had a son. Bennett later married a white lady, and they had three daughters and two sons. The sons were named Pete and George; the man could not remember the names of the girls, but only that one had married a man by the name of Smith and that this man was the founder of the Scott Valley Bank. There are branches of the bank yet today in Ft. Jones, Etna, Yreka and Happy Camp.

The store and the company were willed to the children of both of his marriages. Apparently the sons and daughters of his second wife traded their interest in the Carpo Creek Mine for the Indian son's interest in the business in Forks of Salmon.

One day I would like to visit this place that has played such an important role in the development of Siskiyou County. It was a supply center for the miners who worked the many mines in the Shasta, Trinity and Siskiyou mountain areas.

It took a rough breed of man to cross and conquer these

mountains. It was a job that took real men like W.P. Bennett, who came to call Forks of Salmon home, who raised his family, and who built a small empire. And better yet for us, who left a small memento in the form of a token to tell us that he once ruled the Forks of the Salmon.

KAPPEN RECEIVES AWARD: - At the recent California State Numismatic Association convention in San Francisco, WESTS member Charles V. Kappen was surprised at the Saturday evening banquet when he was presented with the "Numismatic Ambassador Award" by Chet Krause of "Numismatic News," a weekly numismatic publication.

Fundamentally, the award is meant to reward deserving collectors for their faithful devotion to the hobby. Also, on the collector's acute sense of sharing. They share their knowledge--learned over many years of devoted research--in educational programs and exhibits at coin meetings and by answering, without reservation, the questions of beginning or less-advanced collectors. Additionally, a person who has earned the respect of his peers by his quest for knowledge.

The award consists of a massive bronze medal mounted on an inscribed wooden plaque, plus a book of descriptive material. Congratulations, Charlie! - DHF

RENO DOLLAR: - WESTS member Phil Jensen reports that he now has on the market a souvenir "Reno Dollar", a companion piece to the "Las Vegas Dollar" which has been available for the past couple of years.

The Reno piece is available in two finishes--antiqued rhodium (silver) and antiqued bronze. Although it sells at retail for about $3.00, Jensen will sell them to WESTS members for $2.00 each--his address is P.O. Box 543, Reno, NV 89504.

The Reno Dollar was struck by Osborne Coinage Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. - DHF

THE TOKENS OF MINERAL PARK, ARIZONA

Sam Michael

In the early days of Arizona, Mohave County was one of the most remote and uncivilized areas in the territory. Many miles separated settlements; Indians and cactus ruled the scene. It was during this raw period that mines were discovered and Mineral Park came into being.

Before long, Mineral Park became the largest town in Mohave County. Established around 1870, by the 1880's it had a population of several hundred. In fact, Mineral Park was the county seat for a while. With all this activity, the usual stores and saloons sprang into existence.

William M. Krider was a businessman and one of the most prominent citizens of Mineral Park. Krider ran a store there, and was postmaster from 1879 until 1886. Sometime during that period Mr. Krider also had a bar in Mineral Park. The Krider token was undoubtedly issued at that bar.

Because Mineral Park was a mining town, its future depended on the mines. With the mines playing out and upstart towns such as Kingman and Chloride luring the populace away, Mineral Park slowly declined until it became a ghost town. The mines were revived after the turn of the century, but with few results. The B & F token was used during the last years of this revival.

The two tokens shown are very rare. This writer has seen just four of the Krider pieces, while the B & F piece, though much later, is of the utmost rarity, with only one known.

Other towns in Mohave County that issued tokens were: Chloride, Goldroad, Goldust, Hackberry, Kingman, Oatman, Snowball, Sweeny, and Yucca.

1979 HAVASU DOLLAR: - The 1979 version of the Lake Havasu City, Arizona, trade dollar has been released by the London Bridge Rotary Club, P.O. Box 549, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. Available for $1.30 including postage and handling, a trade dollar is issued annually to raise funds for charitable projects.

The latest issue depicts on the obverse a multi-part view of recreational diversions of the area, while the reverse carries the wording common to this issue. Size, metal and edge are not known at this time. - DHF

= McDONALD'S SENIOR CLUB WOODEN NICKELS =

by Duane H. Feisel

McDonald's Hamburger chain in this area of California has introduced a discount scheme for senior citizens which involves specially imprinted wooden nickels. Called the "McDonald's Senior Club", this plan may be put into operation at many McDonald's locations. If so, it is going to mean a lot of tokens for collectors!

I visited the local McDonald's, and almost came away empty-handed, being somewhat deficient in the 60 years of age requirement. However, by being persistent and employing a different tactic, I was able to obtain the package of twelve tokens which is given to those eligible and who join the McDonald's Senior Club. Not only that, I found the same tactic to work at another nearby McDonald's. I plan to continue my efforts at other locations as time and travel permit.

The package of twelve tokens consists of three pieces each of four different tokens. The two locations from which I obtained tokens are in the same region, and they have the same plan; perhaps other regions will have different plans. The four different tokens all have the same obverse, and there are four stock reverse messages. A different color of printing is used for each of the different stock reverses. These may be described as follows:

McD-1: (black printing) Good For / One / Reg. Coffee / With 50c Or More / Purchase And Valid / McDonald's ® / Senior Club / Card / Cash Value 1¢

McD-2: (green printing) (same as McD-1 except third line Regular Fries)

McD-3: (red printing) (same as McD-1 except third line Apple Pie)

McD-4: (blue printing) (same as McD-1 except third line Cheeseburger)

The obverses of the two sets of tokens I have obtained so far have similarities. The general form is:

WOODEN NICKEL / (GOLDEN ARCHES LOGO) / McDONALD'S / ® / (street address in one, two or three lines) / (place on one line)

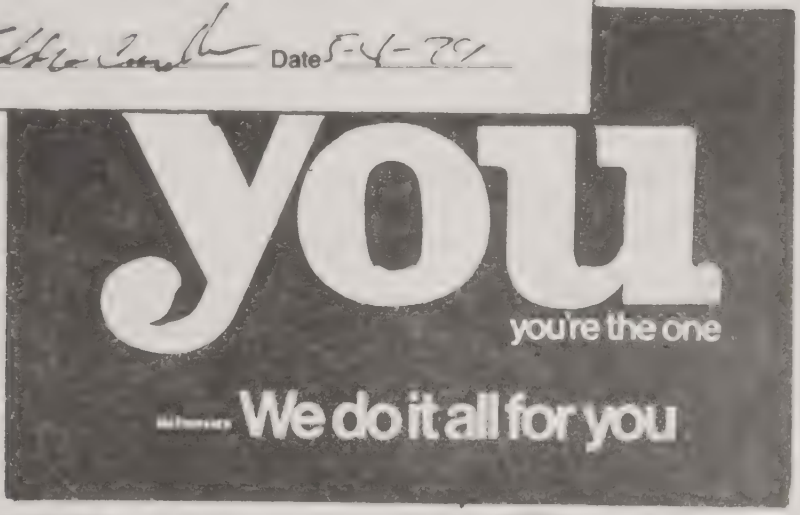
For the tokens I have then, the way I would list them, knowing only the limited information now at hand, is:

McDONALD'S® SENIORS CLUB

This card certifies that Duane Feisel is a member of the McDonald's® Seniors Club. The bearer is eligible to participate in the Club's Wooden Nickel Program and may receive additional Wooden Nickels upon request. This card expires six months from date of issue.

Valid Only At:
McDONALD'S® RESTAURANTS
522 El Camino Real
Belmont

Mgr. [signature] Date 5-4-79



GOOD FOR ONE REG. COFFEE With 50c Or More Purchase and Valid McDonald's Seniors Club Card Cash Value 1¢

GOOD FOR ONE REGULAR FRIES With 50c Or More Purchase and Valid McDonald's Seniors Club Card Cash Value 1¢

GOOD FOR ONE APPLE PIE With 50c Or More Purchase and Valid McDonald's Seniors Club Card Cash Value 1¢

GOOD FOR ONE CHEESEBURGER With 50c Or More Purchase and Valid McDonald's Seniors Club Card Cash Value 1¢

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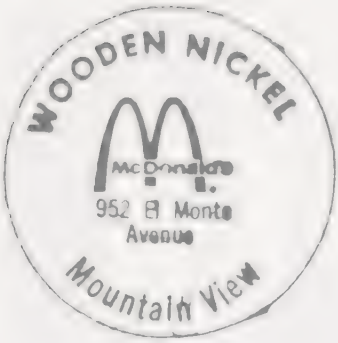
Dublin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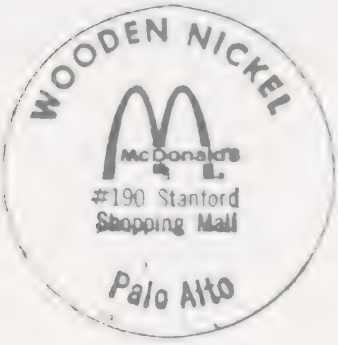
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Shopping Mall
Palo Alto

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McDonald's
8128 El Camino
Real
Palo Alto

WOODEN NICKEL
McDonald's
Redwood City &
Menlo Park

WOODEN NICKEL
McDonald's
1990 El Camino Real
2500 Homestead Road
Santa Clara

-- W 38 n/n (McDONALD'S McD-1, -2, -3, -4: 952 EL MONTE AVENUE / MOUNTAIN VIEW)

-- W 38 n/n (McDONALD'S McD-1, -2, -3, -4: 3128 EL CAMINO / REAL / PALO ALTO

This will undoubtedly become a popular collectors' series, much like the Sambo's and the Dairy Queen wooden nickels. Perhaps some of our more senior members can begin a campaign to acquire pieces for collectors.

It appears that a senior citizen can register at any McDonald's, and get a package of tokens for that location. The registration card provides for multiple issuance of the wooden nickels, so it seems that the program is one aimed at the long term.

Late Information

A couple more days chasing tokens and talking with other collectors doing the same has brought forth additional pertinent information. It seems that the program is nationwide, and all McDonald's company owned stores will participate. Franchised operations have the choice of participating or not. For example, the Albany, Cal., store will redeem wooden nickels issued by other stores, but they do not plan to issue tokens for their own location.

Of the local collectors, in addition to my interest, Bud Carmichael, Chuck Nichols and John Nicolosi are collecting the series. By far, Nichols has the largest number of sets so far. If you are able to get the package of 12 tokens, that means two extra sets for trading, and that is exactly what we have done amongst us. I am sure any of us would welcome trades with other collectors for sets we do not have. My own interests will be limited to the states of CA, WA and OR, however.

The following locations in the San Francisco Bay area, in addition to the listings above, have issued tokens in four piece sets:

(only variable inscription listed):
715 / CENTRAL / AVENUE / ALAMEDA
522 EL CAMINO / REAL / BELMONT
1620 STROBRIDGE / CASTRO VALLEY
7145 DUBLIN BLVD. / DUBLIN
11821 SAN / PABLO AVENUE / EL CERRITO
40708 GRIMMER / BLVD. / FREMONT
4318 THRONTON / AVE. / FREMONT
26051 CALAROGA / AVE. / HAYWARD
283 NORTH / "P" STREET / LIVERMORE
200 W. LODI / LODI

1331 E. YOSEMITE / MANTECA
(MENLO PARK--see REDWOOD CITY)
35192 NEWARK / BLVD. / NEWARK
1330 JACKSON ST. / AT / 14TH ST. / OAKLAND
6623 SAN PABLO / NEAR / ASHBY / OAKLAND
4514 / TELEGRAPH AVE/ AT / 45TH ST. / OAKLAND
2520 E. 12TH ST. / AT / 25TH AVE. / OAKLAND
2901 68TH AVENUE / AT / FOOTHILL / OAKLAND
#190 STANFORD / SHOPPING MALL / PALO ALTO
REDWOOD CITY & / MENLO PARK
#2 EMBARCADERO / CENTER / SAN FRANCISCO
730 STANYON / AT / HAIGHT / SAN FRANCISCO
1365 BLOSSOM / HILL ROAD / SAN JOSE
1142 N. / CAPITOL AVE. / SAN JOSE
2825 MERIDIAN / SAN JOSE
90 EAST / SAN CARLOS / SAN JOSE
14823 EAST / 14TH STREET / SAN LEANDRO
1420 SOUTH / EL CAMINO REAL / SAN MATEO
14480 SAN PABLO / AVENUE / SAN PABLO
1990 EL CAMINO REAL / 3509 HOMESTEAD ROAD / SANTA CLARA
611 WEST / CHARTER WAY / STOCKTON
1009 NO. / WILSON WAY / STOCKTON
556 EAST / EL CAMINO REAL / SUNNYVALE
3430 TRACY BLVD. / TRACY
27 UNION SQUARE / UNION CITY

If you can add to this information, please let me know so that it can be reported in a future issue of the LEDGER.

SISTER CITY MEDALS: - In an ad in The Numismatist for November 1978, there appears a description of a series of five medals to commemorate the international Sister City program. Since the United States cities are all in California, there may be an interest from among our members. The sister cities involved, located in California and Mexico, are: Canoga Park-Taxco, City of Commerce-Aquascalientes, Sante Fe Springs-Navajoa and South El Monte-Gomez Palacio. The fifth medal features profiles of President Eisenhower, as founder of the Sister Cities Program, and the current presidents of the US and Mexico, Jimmy Carter and Jose Lopez Portillo.

The medals are to be struck in bronze (limited to 5000 pieces each @$5), silver (.999 fine, limited to 1000 pieces each @$25) and gold (14 carat, limited to 225 pieces each @$350). Special prices are offered for purchases of complete sets of any metal, or of combinations of sets of the different metals.

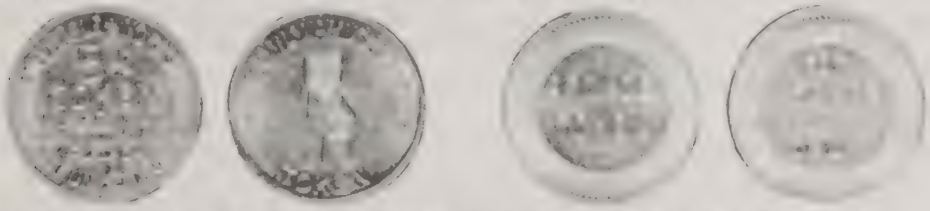
For additional details, contact: US/Mexico Sister Cities Association, 2468 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108. - DHF

AMUSEMENT ARCADE TOKENS: - With the revival of the amusement machine arcade comes the rebirth of the arcade token, and several of these have been reported already, though I have as yet no complete descriptions. Amusement arcade parlors are now the rage, and are being opened all over, and some of these use tokens in their operations, an increasing number, I suspect. I would suggest that you look into your local arcades, if you can stand the racket of zoop guns and space gronkylyzers, and see if tokens are employed. Discoveries should be reported to Stephen Alpert, 11106 National Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90064. - SA

AMUSEMENT TOKENS: - WESTS member Stephen Alpert is collaborating with Ken Smith to catalogue all US amusement tokens. Apparently the catalogue is progressing well, and should be on the market later this year.

An organization for collectors of amusement tokens is being considered, and tentative membership information can be obtained from the corresponding secretary of the Amusement Token Collectors Association, Eleanor Smith, 328 Avenue F, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Alpert suggests that the arcades now in operation be checked for use of tokens. He reports on a piece from Riverside, California (it appears to me to be a stock token). I found a token in current use for a small chain of amusement arcades operating in Santa Clara County, and saw another for a pizza parlor chain, Pizza Time, headquartered in San Jose--a token is given with a food purchase, and the token can be used in one of the many amusement machines in the pizza parlor. - DHF



AMUSEMENT ARCADE TOKENS: - WESTS member Bob Null of North Hollywood reports that a number of amusement arcades in the Greater Los Angeles area have begun to use tokens in their operations. So far, most of the operations seem to be using manufacturers' stock or other tokens lacking any designation of the local user. However, there are some interesting exceptions, and one of these is from a new town, Arleta CA. Bob has asked me to recommend to the membership that they visit any such amusement machine arcades in their local areas, and obtain samples of any tokens they may be using. You can report new discoveries to him at P.O. Box 9422, North Hollywood CA 91760. - SA

VINYL WOES: - William Willigus was visiting with me last weekend, after the ISNA show in San Francisco. As I was showing off my medal collection to him, I noticed that some of the vinyl flips were beginning to induce that telltale greenish stain on some of the bronze and silver medals. For about the first year of my collecting (about Nov.1973 till the end of 1974), I used the single pocket flips stapled to ordinary white coin envelopes. These were supposedly safe, insofar as the plasticizer was not supposed to leak out. Well, some are leaking now, and it is good that I caught it early, before any damage has been done (the leaked plasticizer will eventually oxidize the copper, causing green corrosion to develop, and will also react with anti-quing chemicals used to give the antiqued surface). Early in 1975, I switched to new two-pocket flips widely endorsed throughout the coin industry as safe and leakproof. But to my dismay, a few were showing signs of deterioration and leaking. The flips seem to remain high and dry for 3-4 years, then begin to decompose, eventually oozing a gooey mess over everything, as the plasticizer leaks out. This goo adheres tightly to the coins inside, but if light can be removed with a toothbrush and pure soap (try Ivory) in warm water. A more thorough cleaning, necessary for thicker deposits, can be achieved with acetone (nail polish remover), a dangerous agent that should be used with great caution.

As a result of this experience, I am repackaging my entire collection in old-fashioned paper envelopes, using the 28-pound heavy duty envelopes sold by Bebee's and others. The task will require 15-20 hours to complete. I would now caution collectors to avoid ALL vinyl products, as it seems that the plasticizer will separate in all cases, given enough time. Ordinary 2x2's use mylar as the clear window, which is reputedly much more inert. My experience is that after several years, the mylar remains dry, but unlike the earlier plastics used, does not turn brittle and begin to crack. However, the vinyl pages in which we usually store the 2x2's are subject to the same deterioration as the flips. They will leak and spew a gooey layer over the outside of the mylar 2x2's. The item inside will be protected by the mylar, but the holders will be filthy and disgusting to handle. Some of the pages seem to be better than others, but all will eventually begin to go.

There are also a number of plastic binder pages, mostly made in West Germany, that are standard all over Europe. These are still made of poor vinyl, and will leak and ruin coins. Don't use them under any circumstances. The only tolerably long-lasting vinyl pages are US-made, but I don't offhand know which brands are best. But for long-term storage (5 years or more), I would refrain from plastic pages of any sort, and use the less convenient single and double-row boxes, made of stiff cardboard. The coins may be kept either in mylar 2x2's, or better yet, paper envelopes (for additional protection, they can be placed in a cellophane coin bag, never polyethylene).

Mylar flips are occasionally advertised. They cost about 2 or 3 times as much as vinyl, but MAY be much better. I have not had

any experience with them, and I don't believe they have yet been on the market long enough for an adequate test (which should be at least ten years). But from what I have seen of Mylar 2x2's, I will reluctantly accept them as safe.

Of course, the old-fashioned coin cabinet is still the best way of all to keep coins and tokens and medals, but of course, such cabinets are not movable, so the tokens can't be carted around to meetings and the like.

In sum, I would avoid all vinyal and polyethylene products. They mix with coins like drinking with driving. As for Mylar, I won't endorse it, but am optimistic. - SA

PETALUMA BICENTENNIAL MEDAL: - By now, I would have thought that I had found out about all of the municipally issued medals and "souvenir coins" for the American Revolution Bicentennial in California, but yesterday, I discovered a new one right on my own doorstep. I had been intending to visit the local museum in Petaluma for some time, and decided to do so yesterday. The medal was for sale at the counter, for $1, and was an almost embarrassing surprise to me.

After purchasing a medal, I trundled off to City Hall, to talk with Jim Raymond, Director of Parks and Recreation for the city, who had handled the sale and distribution of the medal. The medal is a cast bronze (made in two halves and fused together), with loop at top, and is sold with attached keyring. They are still available at the Museum for $1 each (issue price was somewhat more), or by mail for $1.50 (or $1 plus SASE with sufficient padding and 41¢ postage), from Petaluma Historical Library & Museum, P.O. Box 61, Petaluma CA 94952. - SA

BAY STATION, CAL.: - One maverick that has been puzzling me for at least 15 years is a 5¢ in trade token from Nelson's Pool Parlor, Bay Station. I have now tentatively located Bay Station, thanks for a drugstore bottle I saw last weekend in a San Francisco antiquery, inscribed "BAY STATION, ALAMEDA". A quick check in 2 directories reveals a Bay Station Pharmacy at 1209 Lincoln in 1912, and a Bay Station Bakery at 1600 Sherman in 1917. Both of these addresses are close to the intersection, or at the intersection of those two streets. At this point, I feel reasonably confident that this is the correct attribution, and as they says in the news biz, more to come on this fast-breaking story! - SA

- TOKENS OF KINZUA PINE MILLS COMPANY OF OREGON -

by Terry Trantow

The Kinzua Pine Mills Company (now the Kinzua Corporation) operates perhaps the oldest tree farm in the State of Oregon. The Kinzua Tree Farm was founded in 1909 by E.D. Wetmore of Warren, Pennsylvania, who in 1905 rode by horseback through the Kinzua area to purchase 50,000 acres of land from homesteaders. The tree farm now encompasses 240,000 acres in five Oregon counties. Kinzua is located in Wheeler County, about 12 miles east of Fossil, Oregon, and was named after Kinzua in Warren County, Pennsylvania.

Kinzua is one of the very few company towns left in the state, but which will gone within another year. The Kinzua mill has closed permanently, and future operations will be at Heppner, some 50 miles away. Heppner operations include a sawmill and plywood plant, which employs nearly 360 persons. The Kinzua townsite was founded in 1927 and the mill was one of the first ponderosa pine mills, if not the first, to kiln dry 100% of its output direct from the saw. By 1979, the townsite will be returned to its original tree farm state. Employees who desire to move will be employed at the Heppner operation.

The Kinzua tokens were issued in 1931, and continued in use until about 1936-37. The town at the time did a business of about $25,000 a month in store and tavern sales, so the number of tokens may have been substantial. Tokens were issued at the company office, for use at the local businesses. The company honored all requests for redemption, and received tokens from as far away as Portland. Because of the widespread use, and the fact that they would be redeemed from any creditor, the U.S. Treasury Department stopped their use. During the Great Depression, employees were paid in cash. The tokens were issued in denominations of 5¢, 25¢, 50¢ and $1; no 10¢ denomination was issued.

The tokens were made of brass, except that only one set is known in aluminum. According to a retired Kinzua employee, $400 worth of counterfeit tokens were struck in "tin," but can be identified by a dot or mark under the denomination. It can be assumed that these were made to resemble the aluminum pieces, or, in fact, are the aluminum tokens the "tin" pieces struck as counterfeits? The fact that the obverse designs of the aluminum pieces are slightly different from those of the brass pieces may suggest this. Other employees from Kinzua do not recall pieces of aluminum, only those of brass. The reader may decide if the aluminum pieces are the "counterfeits."

Kinzua's stationery was printed in Portland by Buchong & Co. (now out of business) for many years. It can be assumed that the company also arranged for having the tokens made, perhaps by Irwin-Hodson Co. of Portland. In any case, the known pieces are as follows:

	K.P.M. CO. / (tree) / KINZUA, OREGON		
BS RD 21	Good For / 5¢ / In Trade	(no stars)	R3
BS RD 21	" " / *5¢* / " "	(large ")	R3
BS RD 21	" " / *5¢* / " "	(small ")	R3
AL RD 21	" " / *5¢* / " "	(" ")	R10
AL RD 21	" " / 5¢ / " "	(no ")	R10
BS RD 24	Good For / 25¢ / In Trade		R4
AL Rd 24	" " / *25¢* / " "		R10

JERRY F. SCHIMMEL
P. O. BOX 40888
SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94140

	K.P.M. CO. / (tree) / *KINZUA* / (two trees)	
BS RD 31	Good For / *50¢* / In Trade	R4
AL RD 31	" " / *50¢* / " "	R10
BS RD 38	Good For / *100* / In Trade	R3
AL RD 38	" " / / *$100* / / In Trade	R10

(Notes: On all the above pieces, the obverse is slightly different between the brass and aluminum varieties. The rarity guide used is that found in Coal Company Scrip, published by the National Scrip Collectors Association. Many thanks to Duane Feisel for additional listings to what I had recorded, and for photos.)

The last log processed at the Kinzua sawmill was at 1:15 PM on May 17, 1978. Since its beginning, the Kinzua company had planned for a permanent operation, and at present is realizing that goal. Current production is over 5 million board feet of lumber per month, and nearly 10 million square feet of 3/8" (equivalent) plywood/-veneer.

In a short while the town of Kinzua will be gone, but the tokens recall earlier days. Kinzua Corporation is to be admired for their foresight of the timber industry.

TOKENS OF CHERRY CREEK, NEVADA

Leonard Hoskins

According to authorities on the subject, Nevada has been the site of almost 600 towns or settlements that have since dwindled to ghost town status. The majority of these ghost towns were short-lived, some lasting only a few months. Quite a few did not even last beyond the tent stage. Since most Nevada ghost towns stemmed from mineral discoveries, transient miners hoping to strike it rich moved from one discovery to the next as ore bodies proved to be shallow.

A few towns, however, have lasted much longer. Cherry Creek, in White Pine County, is one of these. Rich silver ore was discovered in 1872, and the town was organized in 1873. Its liveliest years were probably between 1875 and 1883, with a peak population somewhere between 4000 and 6000 souls. A Wells Fargo agency and post office were established in June 1873. At least 22 saloons and two newspapers were operating in Cherry Creek during the boom years. The early mines petered out, and the district suffered a rapid decline in 1883 and 1884. New discoveries of gold, silver, copper, lead, tungsten and manganese have kept mining activity alive, but on a much smaller scale, during the ensuing years, with significant revivals during 1905-08 and as late as 1940. Estimates of total production run as high as $20 million, though the true figure is probably less.

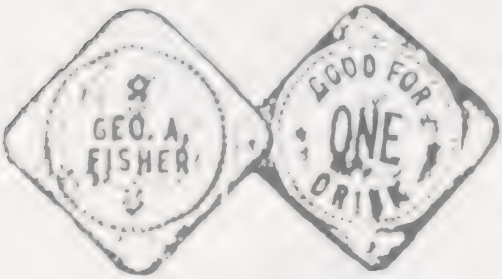
Cherry Creek, with more than a hundred years of history, is down to less than a dozen inhabitants and three cemeteries. Situated about sixty miles north of Ely at an elevation of 6300 feet, weather records show temperature extremes of 100° down to minus 27°. Average precipitation is only ten inches annually. Cherry Creek has a long history of "almosts." The first "almost" was in 1882 when Cherry Creek unsuccessfully challenged Hamilton for the county seat which went to Ely in 1887. Years later, U.S. Highways #93 and #50 missed Cherry Creek by only nine miles. Finally, in 1906 the new railroad, Nevada Northern Railway, also missed Cherry Creek, this time by only three miles.

Only four different tokens are known from Cherry Creek. All are from saloons and none are common. Only one token has the town and state name, an aluminum token with the following inscriptions:

DAN KENNEDY / CHERRY / CREEK, / NEV.
Good For / One / Drink

The other three pieces are all brass mavericks. One, a round token, is inscribed:

TOM BAREILLES / ELK / SALOON
Good For / 12½ / Drink Or Cigar



A square token has:

GEO. A. / FISHER
Good For / One / Drink

The fourth token is oblong with curved sides, inscribed:

TUCKER & STRATTON
Good For / One / Drink

All are eagerly sought by Nevada collectors.

NOTE: Lan Hawkins is currently cataloguing White Pine County tokens for the long-awaited Nevada catalog. He would appreciate data from collectors who have not been contacted previously, on Cherry Creek and other White Pine County tokens.

OREGON TOKEN CATALOGUE: - For a number of years there has been activity among the collectors of Oregon tokens to put together a listing of trade tokens from that state. Various collectors, including Mel Carmichael, Jim Millard, Clancy Riggs and others, have gathered information, but outside of a place name listing, there has not been a comprehensive catalogue.

Fresh from his success with the catalogue of lumber company tokens, Terry Trantow has announced that he is compiling information for a catalogue of Oregon merchant tokens, and anticipates having it completed by the end of 1979.

The listing style will be that employed in his catalogue of lumber company tokens, which is a modification of the popular Atwood method developed for the AVA. He plans to have many illustrations of both tokens and street scenes from towns as well as information about each token issuer when possible. Other useful features are planned.

Work is well underway on this effort, and I know we are all looking forward to having another state token reference. If you have anything special in Oregon tokens, please get in touch with Terry. - DHF

CATALINA ISLAND TRADE DOLLAR: - To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Catalina Island casino, the site of the first motion picture theater designed specifically for sound movies, a special "doubloon" trade dollar, redeemable in goods or services on the Island, has been issued.

The obverse design shows a view of the casino and several musicians. The reverse mentions the Catalina Island Film Festival (to be held June 16-24), and shows a scene of a motion picture crew filming a pirate ship at sea. The piece was designed by Hal Reed, a California artist who has executed the designs for many other medals. The token is produced in gold anodized aluminum, 32 mm diameter, reeded edge, by the JM Co., Orange, California.

The doubloons are sold on the Island for 90¢, and may be redeemed for $1.00 in trade. Through the mail the cost is $1.15 plus SASE from Catalina Island Odyssey, P.O. Box 1594, Avalon, CA 90704. - DHF

COIN CLUB TOKEN/MEDAL: - The San Bernardino County Coin Club, P.O. Box 1028, Colton, CA 92324, offers the 1979 version of their annual token/medal to collectors in both brass and aluminum. Cost is @50¢ plus one 15¢ stamp per token/medal. The pieces have a value of 50¢ through 1979 with the Coin Club. - DHF

=PUGET MILL CO. SCRIP BOOKS =

by Duane H. Feisel

In his book "Catalogue of Lumber Company Store Tokens," Terry Trantow mentions scrip booklets for Puget Mill Company in his listing of the individual scrip coupons under the location of Port Gamble, Washington.

Recently I obtained a small number of these booklets, including a few complete duplicate sets of all denominations. Trantow mentions that the books exist in $2.00, $3.00, $5.00 and $10.00 denominations. To this should be added a $1.00 denomination booklet.

The cover style for each of the booklets is the same except for the denomination. The overall size is 121x69 mm. Printing on the covers is black on cream card stock. Note that the location is given as Port Ludlow, which I suspect was the headquarters location. The individual chits carry three locations--Port Gamble, Port Ludlow and Utsalady; Trantow lists the chits under the first mentioned location. Perhaps there were booklets issued for these other locations as well.

In addition to the pages of coupons, each booklet contains a receipt page which obviously was filled out, signed by the employee drawing the credit booklet, and then torn out for transmittal to the paymaster. In the back of each booklet is either one or two pages for making notes on how the coupons were expended.

The head of each page carries a notation for the total value of the chits on that page--25 cents for the 5¢ chits, 50 cents for the 10¢, $1.25 for the 25¢, and $2.50 for the 50¢. Obviously each page consists of five coupons.

The make-up of the booklets by denomination is as follows:

$1.00--4 pages of 5¢ chits
$2.00--4 pages of 5¢, 2 pages of 10¢
$3.00--4 pages of 5¢, 4 pages of 10¢
$5.00--4 pages of 5¢, 3 pages of 10¢, 2 pages of 25¢
$10.00--4 pages of 5¢, 3 pages of 10¢, 4 pages of 25¢, and 1 page of 50¢

Note that the 50 cents denomination chits are relatively much rarer than the lower denominations when the make-up of each of the different denomination booklets is considered. In fact, the higher the denomination, the higher the relative rarity.

The individual chits measure 20x67 mm (except for the bottom chit on each page which is 23x67 mm) and are

PAYABLE ONLY IN MERCHANDISE $2.00

AT THE STORE OF

PUGET MILL CO.,

PORT LUDLOW, WASH.

Issued to _____

On _____ 190__ No 389B

NOT TRANSFERABLE

NOTICE TO EMPLOYES.

This book is issued for the convenience of our employes, and cannot be replaced if lost. We cannot keep open accounts, and our employes must provide themselves with books or cash. Coupons are acceptable only when attached to cover. We cannot receive detached coupons.

Good only when countersigned by

_____

ALLISON COUPON COMPANY, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. U. S. A.

$2.00 No 389B

Port Ludlow, Wash., _____ *190*

Received of PUGET MILL CO.

Coupon Book to the amount of

Two Dollars.

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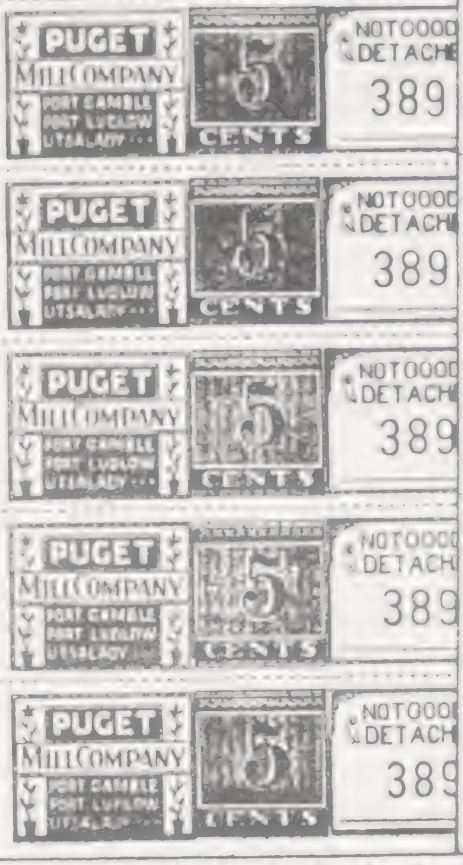
25 Cents on this pag



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Date.	Article.	Amount.

printed in blue ink with a serial number in red ink. The suffix in the serial number is either A, B, C, D or E depending on the booklet denomination, $1 to $10, respectively. The paper colors are as follows: 5 cents--pink, 10 cents--salmon, 25 cents--cream, 50 cents--blue.

Trantow gives a rarity rating of 2 to each of the denominations except for the 50 cents which is accorded a rating of 10. The small group of booklets I have located will change the rarity of the 50 cents coupons down to 7, and will not change the rarity rating of the other denominations. However, since I anticipate that most of these booklets will be retained intact by collectors, the availability will be less than indicated by the rarity rating.

Note on the cover a place for the date to be completed of which the first three digits are 190_. Trantow states that the booklets were being used in 1907. Does anyone have one of these booklets which was actually issued?

PATRICK MINT TOKENS: - According to Jesse Patrick, proprietor of the Patrick Mint, he has had to terminate prematurely his program of inexpensive custom-minted tokens because the token maker abruptly increased prices to 300% of the price that had been charged! His stock of tokens has been sold to Bowers & Ruddy, which firm will probably offer them for sale at some future date.

During the several years Jesse operated this program, he was responsible for hundreds of different tokens being struck, many of them with a Bicentennial theme. Many of these tokens, despite being so modern, are difficult to obtain, and will become scarce collector items in the years to come. - DHF

YUKON EXONUMIA CATALOGUED: - Of interest to WESTS members will be the recently published reference on tokens, medals, gold ingots and bank notes associated with the Yukon Territory, Canada.

A large part of the catalogue is devoted to trade tokens, including mavericks, which are listed alphabetically according to the place location. Supplemental information is provided on the place. All tokens listed are illustrated.

The 28-page paperback listing may be ordered from Leslie C. Hill, P.O. Box 80129, S. Burnaby, B.C., Canada V5H 3X5. The cost is $4.50 in Canadian funds which translates to US $4.00. - DHF

CANADIAN TRADE DOLLARS

The May 1, 1979, issue of World Coin News features a lengthy article by Jerry Remick and Serge Pelletier, entitled "Canadian Trade Dollars," comprising a general discussion of the series and a checklist of pieces issued to date and known to the authors. Here are a few excerpts and comments from that article.

Unlike United States terminology, the trade dollar in Canada is not a government-issued coin, but a privately issued piece of exonumia. According to the Sherritt Mint, the leading producer of such pieces, the trade dollar is a "community coin, sponsored by a local authority and given legal monetary value in a limited area for a limited time by the appropriate local authority. It is used as money in normal commercial transactions during its validity." To distinguish them from pure medals, such pieces are ordinarily inscribed GOOD FOR ONE DOLLAR or SOUVENIR DOLLAR or just DOLLAR, though a few pieces lack any reference to denomination, and a few are actually valued with a different denomination, such as 50¢, $2, or $3.

So far, through February 1979, the authors knew of 373 different pieces struck since 1960 by 140 communities (or 420 pieces counting mintmark varieties; some communities issue their pieces with up to four different mintmark varieties). Their popularity has suddenly sprouted: through 1966, only about 20 pieces had been issued, but the Canadian Centennial in 1967 stimulated interest in the idea, and over 20 pieces were struck in that year. Twenty issues per year remained the average through 1975, but 1976 saw 35 issues, 1977 had 54, and 1978 came in with 92. This year should break 100!

Most of the pieces are struck in pure nickel (about 70%), the metal for which Canada is the world's leading producer. Others are struck in nickel alloys, such as nickel-silver and cupronickel, and still others in bronze alloys or even aluminum. In addition, .999 or .925 silver, gold, and both silver- and gold-plated specimens are sometimes produced. Most popular size is 33 mm., but some range from as small as 20 mm. to full crown size (39.mm.). The pure nickel 33 mm. medal usually weighs 13.5 gm, compared to the 15.016 gm., 32 mm. Canadian nickel dollar.

Although the Sherritt Minn in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, is the leading manufacturer, another half dozen Canadian mints have also participated, including the Royal Canadian Mint (government). While none of the mints maintain specimen stocks for direct sale to collectors, most have been cooperative with the numismatic fraternity, particularly Sherritt Mint, who supplied a great deal of data for the WCN article.

Amongst the data supplied by Sherritt Mint is a discussion of the cost of production. For the 33 mm. size (13.5 gm, or about 8¢ worth of nickel at current prices), the price per piece falls

rapidly with quantity ordered. As one can easily see, orders of less than 5,000 are uneconomical; as a result, few of the trade dollars are minted in quantities smaller than that. Most common mintages are 10K through 50K, with the most prolific issues to date running at 200K pieces.

QUANTITY	PER PIECE	TOTAL COST
1,000	$1.00	$ 1,000
3,000	.50	$ 1,500
5,000	.33	$ 1,650
10,000	.26	$ 2,600
25,000	.23	$ 5,750
50,000	.21	$ 10,500
100,000	.185	$ 18,500

Mintages in this range will assure that most pieces will be available in sufficient quantities to assure a collector interest.

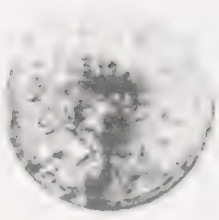
In addition to the prices quoted above, die charges, which typically fluctuate from about $750 to $1200, transportation charges, and in some cases, artwork charges (maximum $175 and $250, respectively) must be added. Sherritt Mint will also supply advertising and promotiaonal materials for about $200 additional. Besides these costs, municipalities will incur additional local costs for promotion, distribution, postage, etc. Sherritt estimates that if all of the issue is sold at face value ($1), a community should net approximately $1800 from a mintage of 5,000, $5800 from 10,000, and $18,500 from 25,000. Clearly, issues below ten thousand are a marginal proposition for the issuing authority.

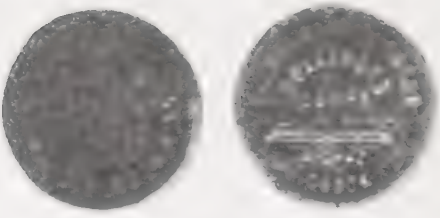
It is interesting to note that the trade dollar has until now been predominantly a Western Canadian phenomenon. The four western provinces and two territories have accounted for some 71% of all issues to date. Eastern Canada is only beginning to gain ground, for of the 1978 issues, those of western Canada represent only about 60% of the lot.

Collector interest in the trade dollars has been small, but seems to be increasing quite rapidly. Most communities will sell their dollars at face value plus a small premium for postage and handling, usually only after the close of the period of validity. A six-page listing of addresses of the issuing agencies can be obtained from Serge Pelletier, P.O. Box 7522, Charlesbourg, P.Q. G1G 5W5, Canada, for $1 (US residents are requested to send cash or money order). In addition, an 8-page checklist is available from Pelletier for $1.50.

The Canadian numismatic press has begun to take notice of the trade dollars, which, because of their quasi-official nature, seem to have taken on a status intermediary between ordinary tokens and medals and government-issued coins. The Canadian Association of Token Collectors now reports regualrly on new issues in its bimonthly publication, The Canadian Token (membership, including the journal, is $5 per annum, which may be forwarded to Kenneth A. Palmer, 10 Wesanford Place, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 1N6). In addition, Pelletier, since the begining of this year, has been penning a feature for Canadian Coin News.

Commentary: - A similar type of "trade" coin was once popular in the United States, although the predominant denomination was 50¢, not $1, along with numerous wooden pieces in 5¢, 10¢, and 25¢ denominations. Most of these were issued under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce, and were inscribed "Redeemable in trade at any bank or participating business until ...," or something equivalent. However, such issues were deemed to be an infringement on the Federal government's authority to coin money, and have been illegal since 1967. Since then, similar pieces have been struck, but must bear inscriptions showing that they are redeemable in only one place of business. Since this restriction severly compromises their purpose of issue, the revised version has had little popularity. Most of the US issues date from the late 1930's (about the time of the suppression of the commemorative half dollar for local purposes), and from the 1950's and 1960's, though not after 1967. Several communities, such as Fort Bragg CA, had begun annual issues, which were suddenly curtailed in 1967. - SA





DON'T QUIT LOOKING: - This is not the time to give up the chase. While it is true, tokens are tougher to find than in the past, there is still aggrest deal to be found, though often at high prices. In the past couple of weeks, I located 2 specimens of an unlisted California zinc check (Original stage line, similar to Atwood's Cal 997 E, etc.). Also unlisted trade tokens from Sprockels, Salinas, Merced, Sebastopol (saloon), and best of all, Paraiso Springs, a real beauty with 88¢ reverse. Also another example of the rare Liberal Hotel piece from Concord. Also a rare PPIE fob, and a few more. So keep on looking!

= SMITH CREEK, CAL. =

by Duane H. Feisel

About six miles from the summit of a narrow, winding road leading from San Jose to Mt. Hamilton, location of the Lick Observatory, is the site of the small place called Smith Creek.

Smith Creek Hotel on way to Lick Observatory from San Jose, Cal.

There is indeed a Smith Creek, a gently flowing, clear water stream which begins up in the mountains, and which contains brook trout. Located on the flat area south of the road was the Smith Creek Hotel, a favorite resting spot for those traveling by stage (and later by automobile) to the crest of Mt. Hamilton to visit Lick Observatory, a popular day excursion from San Jose. Built in 1888, the Lick Observatory is under the management of the University of California, and serves several campusses. The future of Lick Observatory is under question since the City of San Jose is considering a change in street lighting to a type of bulb which would create too much background radiation for the astronomical observations at Lick.

Under the covenant deeding the land to the University of California by James Lick, there can be no commercial operations, a restriction in force still today. There are not even soft drink vending machines on the site

which now carries a number of observatories, housing and maintainence buildings.

The last six miles from Smith Creek to the crest was the most arduous portion of the journey, the road being relatively steep and full of turns. The hotel at Smith Creek, and the small store located across the road from the hotel, allowed both the passengers and the horses a chance to rest and prepare for the remainder of the climb. The Hotel was probably also a vacation spot, and the Creek was dammed by three concrete barriers to provide a series of swimming holes. There was also another local attraction, a hot spring or sulphur spring.

Recently I spent a weekend at Smith Creek with a Boy Scout troop during a Camporee. Land in the area is now part of the Santa Clara Regional Parks District, and there is a network of day-hiking trails. Where the hotel was formerly located is now a fire ranger station. One of the buildings is constructed from lumber from the old hotel after it had been partially destroyed by fire. In speaking with a fire ranger, who showed me several pictures of the Smith Creek Hotel and the stage coaches that made the trip to Lick Observatory, he mentioned that there was a hot spring located on a creek intersecting Smith Creek some distance above the road. It was a pleasant hike of about 1½ miles up the creek along an old road which paralleled the creek to Sulphur Creek. A short distance up Sulphur Creek I came onto what had obviously been a popular attraction, a sulphur spring.

A large pool of water was formed where the sulphur spring entered the creek. Painted on the vertical rock wall along one side of this pool are several old advertising signs dating from the early 1900's. From what I could make out, these signs are for businesses that were located in San Jose. I noted one was for a printer, and another for a house painter and decorator. Another seemed to be for some sort of bottled beverage. I waded into the water to reach the sulphur spring; the water entering from that was not any warmer than the stream water. Perhaps in the warmer months that spring becomes "hot."

The only known token from Smith Creek is a rare piece. Made from aluminum, it is 24 mm diameter with beaded borders both sides.

TOKENS FOR NEVADA CASINOS: - While on a trip to Las Vegas in early February, I noted a few casinos again using $1 slot tokens. However, the only token I saved was one from Beatty, and that turned out to be a token first used in the late 1960's when tokens were so popular before. I bet a lot of the casinos will haul those old tokens out of storage if they had the foresight to save them!

Cashing in some of the promotional coupons obtained at the motel where we stayed, I found several casinos putting out molded plastic tokens for free slot play in special machines. These tokens are larger, thicker and of a different composition from other plastic tokens I had seen before from Nevada.

Apparently the competition was keen for the new business in Nevada slot tokens as virtually all the minting companies in the country were looking for orders. We will keep you posted on listings if any of our readers can supply same. - DHF

BOOKSTORE TOKENS: - These seem to be picking up once again in popularity. They are used by adult bookstores (porn shops) to discourage lookers (peeping Toms?). The idea is simple. You pay an entrance charge, usually 50¢, and receive a token redeemable to that amount on any purchase. Amongst reported locations are Western Books and Jason's Books in Hollywood (both near the intersection of Western & Hollywood), Book Circus on Santa Monica Blvd. in West Hollywood, the Wilmington Bookstore at 124 E. Anaheim in Wilmington, and one on Hawthorne Blvd. in Lennox. The Wilmington piece is the only modern token from the token, and the Lennox token is the only piece of any sort from that location. If you wander around searching for these, be sure to keep the token and resist the temptation to sample the wares! Dan Ching of Los Angeles is actively collecting these from all over the US, and I shall try to persuade him to report his findings for a writeup in the Ledger. - SA

CURRENT CALIFORNIA LUMBER SCRIP: - Johnsondale is a lumber town located in Tulare County, about 60 miles northeast of Bakersfield. This company town, owned by Bendix Forest Products Corp., had the lumber mill closed after 42 years of operation due to reduced lumber supplies from the surrounding U.S. Forest Service lands. Of interest to collectors is that trading at the company store was done in scrip, according to the newspaper account that I saw. I am not familiar with that scrip, and I wonder if it is something special that would be collectable. Perhaps one of our members in the area will have a chance to check this out, and perhaps get some of the scrip, before the town is closed down completely. - DHF

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List 24: San Francisco food stamp tokens: April 1979

Please send cash, check, or money order with your requests unless I know you. Please include 35¢ postage & hdlg for orders under $7.50. Larger orders postpaid. Calif. residents add 6% sales tax (6½% in BART counties). Purchases of $11 or more will receive $1 credit token for each $11 or multiple thereof.

The tokens below were issued mid-late 70's, and are similar to those offered on the lists printed recently in TAMS Journal, except for Christa Market. All are plastic, in values of 1,5,10, 25,50¢. Most have similar reverse: FOOD STAMP CREDIT / 1¢ (or other) / IN ELIGIBLE FOODS. I bought these from individual merchants, using much time & gasoline in the process. In many cases (without * or **), I got entire remaining supply. Number in () tells # available. Note 2 rev.varieties: (a) legend 23 mm in diameter; (b) legends 25.5 mm. B seems later than A.

SETS:

Abu-Dees/Market
1,5,10,25,50¢, rev b $1.75

CHRISTA/MARKET
5 & 25¢ (only values issued) 1.25

FAIRVIEW/MARKET/295 ORIZABA
5,10,25,50¢ (1¢ n.a.),rev.b.
~~clean sets, 3 only~~ ~~3.00~~
same, smudged on rims 2.00
same, some smudged, some hoeled some painted "K" 1.50

FAIRVIEW/MARKET/KAY
5,10,25,50¢ (1¢ not issued), rev. b 1.50

KING'S/HEALTH FOODS / SAN FRANCISCO/CA
1,5,10,25,50¢, rev. b 1.75

MARYLAND/MARKET
1,5,10,25,50¢, rev b. 2.25

RICCI'S/MARKET/2790-24TH/STREET
1,5,10,25,50¢, rev b 1.75

(St.Louis MO):
A & P FOOD STORES (Fibre)
1,5,25¢ (5) 1.25

SINGLES:

*DUPONT MARKET /(Chinese writing)
10¢, rev. 1 (1) .65
same, rev. b (4) .65

*GO-/GETTERS/61 GOUGH ST.
1¢, type II, rev. b (3) .50
5¢, type I rev.a (1) .50
25¢, type II,rev.b (1) .50
50¢, type I, rev.a (1) .50

KING'S/HEALTH FOODS/3233-22ND ST/ S.F.
1¢, rev. b (2) 1.50
10¢, rev b. (4) 1.50
25¢, rev.b (3) 1.50
50¢ rev. b .65

RICCI'S/MARKET/INC.
10¢ rev.a (2) 1.75

RICCI'S/MARKET/2790-24TH ST
1¢, rev.a (3) 1.75
5¢, rev.a (1) 1.75
10¢, rev.a (1) very worn 1.00
50¢, rev.a .65
(1¢ has different obv from other values)

*TONY'S MARKET
5¢, rev.b .50
10¢, rev. b (3) .50
25¢, rev. b (6) .50

*YORK/MEAT MARKET/(& steak)
10¢, rev. b (3) .65
50¢, rev. b (7) .65

Other towns:
(Bloomington CA) Sav-A-Minit Mkt., 25¢, rev. b (1) .75
(St.Louis MO) A & P Food Stores 5¢ .40; 25¢ .40
(same) Thomas Market 1¢ .50

CHECKLIST OF S.F. FOOD STAMP TOKENS describing all items thus far uncovered, lots of detail .35

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Calendar of Coming Events

May 26 - Saturday. Regional meeting of Western States Token Society, home of Dennis Scott, 10505 E. Bullard, Clovis, CA. 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM. All exonumia collectors invited to attend.

May 31, June 1-3 - Long Beach Stamp & Coin Summer Exposition, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, California. Daily 10 AM to 9 PM, Sunday to 5 PM. Will feature a token and medal auction by Paul Koppenhaver, a meeting of the Civil War Token Society, a United Nations postoffice, exhibits, and a large number of stamp and coin dealers.

June 30 - Saturday. Regional meeting of Western States Token Society, Convention Center of the El Capitan Casino, Hawthorne, Nevada. 9 AM to 5 PM. Any interested collectors are welcome to attend.

July 15 - Sunday. Regional meeting of Western States Token Society, home of Duane Feisel, Los Altos, Ca. See details in next issue.

September. Open for regional meeting.

October 27 - Saturday. Tentative. Regional WESTS meeting during the California State Numismatic Association Convention, Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel, Anaheim, California. Details later.

November - Fall semi-annual membership meeting of Western States Token Society, to be held during the time of the Delta Coin Club annual convention in Stockton, California. Details later.

Other regional meetings to be added where there is sufficient local interest to schedule same.

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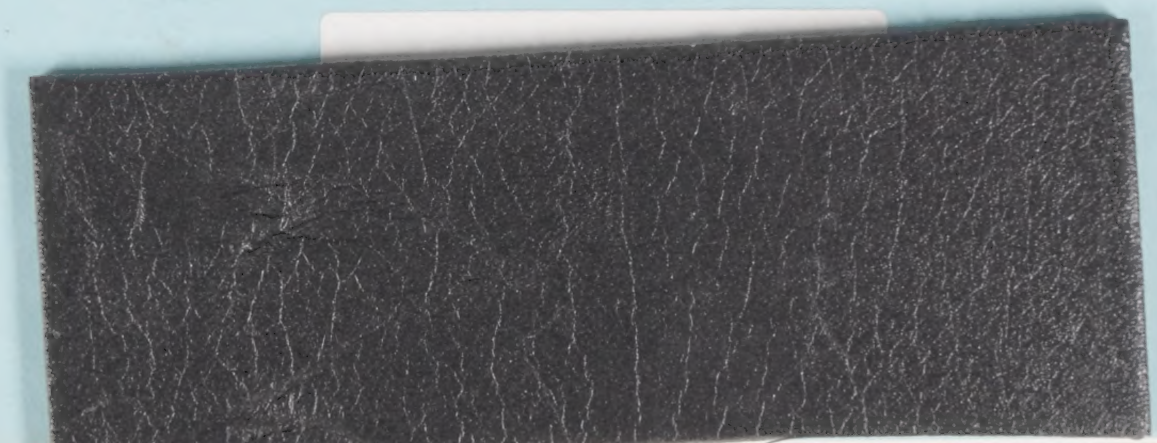
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